

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting  
Friday August 09, 2019  
6:00 p.m. Town Hall

Dave Seitler called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Attended: John Duane, Zack Dixon, Dave Seitler, Tom Siggia, Jacob Puffer, Rebecca Taylor, Chip Benton

Regrets:

Others in attendance: Others: Nancy Civetta, Alfred Pickard, Stephen Pickard, Ben Pickard, Helen Miranda Wilson, Justin Dalby, Jacob Dalby, Bradford Morse, Bob Wallace, Caroline Lloyd, Brett Morse, Ed and Sue Tesson, Aaron Francis, Sandra Mitchell, Heidi Stacy, Rodney Avery, Ralph Bassett, Jude Ahearn, Brent and Sandi Valli

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes

**John D. made a motion to approve minutes from June 13, 2019. Tom S. seconded, motion passed 7-0.**

2. Nomination of new Chairperson

**Chip B. made a motion that David Seitler become chair of SAB. Jake P. seconded. Passed, 7-0.**

Dave agreed to do the job for six months

**Dave S. made a motion that Jake Puffer be vice-chair. Chip seconded, passed 7-0.**

3. Shellfish Dept. update

WSD has been very busy doing propagation efforts for the last two months (see town crier).

There was one case of vibrio in August. After review, DMF says that farms are in compliance with vibrio rules.

### 3. Overwintering discussion w/vote

Nancy gave feedback on overwintering from June 13 meeting and recent grant inspections.

Included:

- no change
- fine for found gear
- fee for overwintering
- enforcement of 8 inch reg.
- more frequent inspections
- more accurate lost gear reporting
- sink racks to within 6", 4", 1" or all the way to the bottom
- No commercial activity until gear cleaned up
- everything off

Discussion of enforcement, changing regulations, etc. Topics included:

Using the rules and penalties that are in place to create compliance.

Nancy was asked if anyone did not comply with cleanup. Nancy said no.

Chopper reported that Nancy was on his ass to cleanup his things, and he did.

Brent Valli reported excellent results from putting racks 4-6" from bottom since the 1990's

Could WSD could do better on late fall/early winter grant inspections?

Since WSD is only 3 people, could volunteers help in late fall to identify racks to 8"?

Nancy said that she personally is uncomfortable with so many racks year round, but on the other hand she thinks that it is very important to have a year round market.

Could WSD determine the # of racks that they can inspect?

Suggestion that all leaseholders report total # of racks

**Jake Puffer made a motion that we change regulation 7.19.5 to pump the racks down to 4", Chip Benton seconded. Passed, 4-3.**

**Chip Benton made a motion to change 7.19.5 regulation to remove all gear from grants. No second.**

**Dave Seitler made motion to add and "all metal condos must be removed" to 7.19.5. Chip seconded. Passed, 7-0.**

**Zack Dixon made a motion to amend Jake Puffers motion regarding regulation 7.19.5 to 4-6". Dave seconded. Passed, 6-1.**

SAB to revisit overwintering in 2020.

#### 4. Future Agenda Topics

floating gear

single use plastics

look at commercial boat regulations

WSD additional employee - potential grant service fee

Shellfish Management Plan

Thank you to Barbara

Next meeting Wed Sept 16 at 6pm at town hall